

TIM ALFA INDICTMENT SUMMARY

‘Tim Alfa, also known as ‘Jati Merah Puti’ (‘Authentic Red and White’) is the name given to an armed group founded in Lautem District in 1986 and trained by KOPASSUS officers. It was a locally recruited and trained armed militia group which is alleged to have been covertly funded and trained by KOPASSUS officers targeting civilians in the Los Palos area and Lautem District – particularly those considered to be pro-independence supporters.

The charges in this indictment relate to the alleged persecution and murder of Verissimo Dias Quintas, the traditional king of Los Palus (Liurai) and a prominent member of the CNRT (National Council of Timorese Resistance) in Lautem District following an attack on his home on 27 August 1999 during the popular consultation voting campaign.

The first Accused, Edmundo da Conceicao Silva, was the former Bupati (District Administrator) of Lautem District, Chairman of the BRTT (East Timor People’s Front) and an honorary member of KOPSASSUS (Special Forces of the Indonesian Armed Forces). He is alleged to have worked in conjunction with the second Accused, Rahman Zulkarnaen, the TNI Lieutenant commanding KOPASSUS forces stationed in Los Palos, in planning and directing these attacks.

Each of the twelve Accused are charged with individual criminal responsibility under UNTAET Regulation 2000/15, section 5.1 (a) with murder as a crime against humanity. They are also charged under UNTAET Regulation 2000/15, section 5.1 (h) with persecution as a crime against humanity. Edmundo da Conceicao Silva and Rahman Zulkarnaen are also charged with superior criminal responsibility (‘command responsibility’) for the actions of their subordinates in carrying out these offences.